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Westminster, June 21.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in Her Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the Publick Bills following,

An Act for laying additional Duties on Hides and Skins, Tallow and Parchment; and new Duties on Starch, Coffee, Tea, Drugs, Gilt and Silver Wire, and Policies of Insurance, to secure a yearly Fund, for satisfaction of Orders to the Contributors of a farther Sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds, towards Her Majesty's Supply; And for the better securing the Duties on Candles, and for obviating Doubts concerning certain Payments in Scotland; and for suppressing unlawful Lotteries, and other Devices of the same Kind; and concerning Cake Soap; and for Relief of Mary Ravenal, in relation to an Annuity of Eighteen Pounds per Annum; and concerning Prize Cocoa Nuts brought from America; and certain Tickets which were intended to be subscribed into the Stock of the South Sea Company; and for appropriating the Monies granted this Session of Parliament.

An Act for continuing the Trade to the South Seas, granted by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, although the Capital Stock of the said Corporation should be redeemed.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to Take, Examine and Determine the Debts due to the Army, Transport-Service, and Sick and Wounded.

An Act for continuing the Trade and Corporation Capacity of the United East-India Company, although their Fund should be redeemed.

An Act for explaining several Clauses in an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, for the Relief of the Sufferers of the Islands of Nevis and St. Christopher, by Reason of the Invasion of the French there, in the Year 1705.

An Act for the appointing the Circuit Courts in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, to be kept only once in a Year.

An Act for enlarging the Time for the Ministers, Advocates, and other Members of the College of Justice in Scotland, to take the Oaths therein mentioned.

An Act for the better ascertaining and securing the Payments to be made to Her Majesty for Goods and Merchandizes to be imported from the East-Indies, and other Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the East-India Company.

And to Eleven private Bills.

After which Her Majesty made the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE last time I was here I spoke so fully, and afterwards received from both Houses such satisfactory Addresses, that there remains little more

for Me to say at the close of this Meeting of Parliament, but to repeat My hearty Thanks for your late solemn Assurances; they will give Me Strength to Struggle with any Difficulties which may yet be raised; and I hope that neither they who Envy the making a good Peace, nor who think it their Interest to continue the War, will be able to defeat our joint Endeavours for the Honour and Advantage of Britain, and the Security of all Our Allies.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

At the same time that I thank you most kindly for the Supplies you have cheerfully Granted, I cannot but let you know My Satisfaction in the near View I have of a Peace, since it will in some measure Recompence My Subjects for their vast Expenses, and also lighten that heavy Burden they have born during the War.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You have expressed how sensible you are of the Advantage and Security which accrue to Britain and Our Allies by the Terms proposed for a Peace; and I need not mention to you the Mischiefs which must follow the breaking off this Treaty: Our Burdens would be at least continued, if not increased; the present Opportunity would be irrecoverably lost, of Britain's Establishing a real Balance of Power in Europe, and improving Our own Commerce; and if any of Our Allies should gain something by such a Proceeding, the rest would suffer in the Common Calamity: But I hope, by God's Blessing, such fatal Designs will be disappointed.

You are now returning into your respective Countries, and I persuade My Self you will not be wanting in your Endeavours to Obviate the Designs of any Ill-minded Persons, who may attempt to sow Sedition amongst My Subjects, and under specious Pretences carry on Designs they dare not own.

I hope at your next Meeting there will be an Opportunity of Perfecting what I have Recommended to you, which you have left Unfinished in this Session.

I cannot conclude without assuring you, That nothing shall move Me from steadily pursuing the true Interest of so Dutiful and Affectionate a People.

The following Address from the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, and Places adjacent, within the Bills of Mortality, has been presented to Her Majesty by Sir George Matthews, (one of their Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough) being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surry.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, and Places adjacent, within the Bills of Mortality, in the County of Surry.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

THE great Confidence Your Majesty has been pleased to place in Your Subjects, by condescending to communicate to them the Terms on which

which a Peace may be made; the assuring the Protestant Succession, as by Law Established, in the illustrious House of Hanover, in the strongest Terms, being nearest Your Heart; the particular Care You have taken of the true Interest of Your own Kingdoms, and the Satisfaction of Your Allies in this Negotiation, notwithstanding the Difficulties which artfully have been contrived, and that Spirit of Discord which, with so much Pleasure, has been spread, with a Design to obstruct this happy Prospect of a Peace.

These, Madam, together with restoring Trade, and extending it to Places it has not yet reach'd, are what with the sincerest Duty and utmost Gratitude, we beg leave to approach Your Sacred Majesty, to return-You our most humble and hearty Thanks for.

May this great and glorious Work, already so far advanced, be speedily finished; and instead of War, may Your Majesty long live to reap the Fruits of a safe and an honourable Peace.

And at the same time Her Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon William Steavens, Esq;

The following Address from the High-Steward, Mayor, Under-Steward, Aldermen, Bailiffs and Burgesses, together with the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of New Windsor, has been presented to Her Majesty by William Peissy, Esq; Under-Steward, and Charles Aldworth, Esq; one of their Representatives for the said Borough, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Berks.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High-Steward, Mayor, Under-Steward, Aldermen, Bailiffs and Burgesses, together with the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of New Windsor.

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, humbly presume to approach Your Royal Throne with Hearts full of Gratitude for Your Majesty's great Condescension in acquainting Your Two Houses of Parliament with the Terms on which a general Peace may be made, whereby the Trade and Commerce of all Your Subjects are secured, and extended beyond whatever was known in the most flourishing Times of Your Royal Predecessors.

We are truly sensible of the peculiar Happiness we above all Nations enjoy, by being the Objects of Your Majesty's particular Care, under whose most wise Administration we are are humbly Confident the true Interest of Britain will steadily be pursued.

We think it our Duty upon this Occasion, Most Gracious Sovereign, to acknowledge the sole Power of Peace and War to be the most undoubted Prerogative of the Crown; and at the same time we humbly crave Leave to assure Your Majesty, That whether in Your Royal Wisdom You shall think fit to make Peace or War, we shall be ready to expend our best Blood and whole Fortunes as Your Majesty's Service may at any time require, being fully resolved to support and defend Your Majesty against all Attempts and Artifices of Your open and secret Enemies, and as far as in us lies to render Your Administration easy to Your Majesty, as it is most grateful to Your People.

May Your Majesty long Reign in Peace a great and glorious Queen; over a Dutiful and Obedient People.

The following Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Oxford, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, was presented to Her Majesty by Thomas Carter, Esq; their Chairman, accompanied by a considerable Number of Gentlemen, and introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Abingdon, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the said County.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Oxford, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, on the 17th of June, 1712.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

THE great Goodness and Condescension of Your Majesty, in communicating to Your Parliament, the Terms upon which a General Peace may be made, doth oblige us to take this first Opportunity to manifest, with the profoundest Duty and Humility, our Gratitude for it: And as at present, so we shall always take care to send such Representatives as are of Steady and Experienced Loyalty to the Crown, and True Sons of our excellent Church: And we think our selves happy in the Harmony of Your Faithful Commons, who have approv'd themselves so much to Your Satisfaction.

Your Majesty's great Wisdom and Prudence appears in pursuing the Interest of Your own People, by securing the Protestant Succession and enlarging our Trade; and Your Allies must acknowledge Your exemplary Justice and great Care of their respective Interests, by having so effectually concerted the happy Measures for settling the lasting Repose of Europe.

The Difficulties and Obstructions of the Factions and Malicious Enemies to Peace, serve as fresh Trophies to Your Victories: And may the God of Peace Crown Your Majesty's Endeavours with Success, and a long and happy Reign over us here, to enjoy the Fruits thereof.

The following Address from the Corporation of Buckingham, in the County of Bucks, has been presented to Her Majesty by Thomas Chapman, Esq; one of the Representatives for the said Borough, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Cheyne, Viscount Newhaven, Lord-Lieutenant of the said County.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Corporation of Buckingham in the County of Bucks.

AS Your Majesty's great Condescension in communicating the Terms of Peace (before concluded) to Your Parliament, hath laid all Your Subjects (who are there represented) under an indispensable necessity of expressing our due Sense of Gratitude, and of supporting to the utmost of our Power, that Prerogative which You was Graciously pleased, in some Measure to suspend, and which You never did exert, but for the Welfare of Your People, so it likewise affords us the pleasing Prospect of a happy Peace, honourable to Your Majesty, advantageous to Your Kingdoms, and just to all Your Allies; a Peace that may much more properly be said to retrieve the Honour of the British Nation, than all the Successes of a tedious, Bloody and Expensive War: These are often owing to Accidents, or the unforeseen Hand of Providence; the other to consummate Wisdom and Conduct, the unwearied Application of an Able and Faithful Ministry, and the Opinion, that even Your Enemies have of Your Justice and Sincerity.

And as Your Majesty's Endeavours have been thus far attended with Success, notwithstanding all the Obstructions and Artifices made use of to defeat them, we humbly presume to hope, that no Attempts will discourage You, from Prosecuting and Finishing so Great, so Generous an Undertaking, as the giving Peace, not only to Your own Subjects, but even to all the Princes of Europe.

This, Madam, will transmit Your most illustrious Name, with lasting Honour, to Your latest Posterity in this World; and may it (though late for the sake of those committed to Your Care) place a Crown of Glory upon Your Head in another, where Peace uninterrupted will remain to all Eternity.

The following Address from the University of Oxford, was presented to Her Majesty by the Reverend

verend Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All-Souls College, Vice-Chancellor, with several Heads of Houses, Doctors and the Proctors. They were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochester, their High Steward, attended by the Bishops of London, Winchester and St. Davids, and several Peers, and Gentlemen who had been Members of that University; together with the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons and Sir William Whitlock their Representatives in Parliament.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the University of Oxford.

May it please Your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal University of Oxford, humbly begs leave to represent to Your Majesty, their grateful Sense of Your most Excellent Administration; especially at this time, when by Your Wisdom and Authority You are procuring a Peace, Glorious to Your Self, and highly Beneficial to Your Kingdoms.

It is the common Happiness of all Your Subjects, that Your Majesty has been of late attended by Persons, whose Councils have gone along with Your own most Gracious Disposition: But it is our peculiar Honour, that one of the Sacred Order, bred among us, is employed by Your Majesty, in Business agreeable to his Holy Function, the Treating a Peace, whilst our Chancellor himself is at the Head of Your Majesty's Troops, ready to oblige the Enemy by Arms, to accept such Terms as You have thought fit to offer; from whence we hope to reap that Fruit of Righteousness which is sown in Peace, of them that make Peace.

May God grant Your Majesty a long Enjoyment of that Blessedness on Earth, which is the Genuine as well as Promised Effect of Your own Meekness, and Your Gentle Government; may the Succession in the Illustrious House of Hanover continue, as it is, so firmly Establish'd, that nothing but Possession can make it surer; and whenever Your Majesty shall be taken from us, a Calamity which we dare not think of, may the Immortal Crown of Glory be the Reward of Your unparalleled Piety towards God, Affection to his Church, and Goodness to Your People.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer

Mr. Vice-Chancellor,

AN Address from so Learned and Loyal a Body, cannot but be very acceptable to Me.

I depend upon your Duty and Affection, and doubt not but you will continue to promote True Religion and Loyalty amongst all those who are under your Care.

Brussels, June 30. N. S. It is confirm'd that Monsieur Grovestein was got back on the 20th to Traerback, with his Detachment, and Two hundred Horses from Champagne, for Contributions. Our Letters of the 15th from Madrid acquaint us with the Marquis de Bay's having repass'd the Caia, without effecting any thing of moment in Portugal. It is likewise said, that the Duke of Vendome's Death will prevent any thing being done in Catalonia, as was designed.

Utrecht, July 1. N. S. On Wednesday the Twentieth in the Evening, the Marquis Du Bourg, one of the Plenipotentiaries of his Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy, set out from hence for the Hague, in order to assist at the Consultations held there, and to use his Endeavours, that nothing be transacted contrary to the Interests and Inclinations of the Duke his Master. Monsieur Hymen, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Prussia at the Hague, is returned to his Post there; but all the Prussian Ministers appointed for the Treaty of Peace, continue still at this Place, so do those of several other Princes,

notwithstanding the repeated Invitations they have had from the States-General, to come and concert Measures with them, on the present juncture of Affairs. An Express arrived here last Night from the Hague, and this Morning Monsieur Buys, one of the States Plenipotentiaries, being just returned from Amsterdam, he and some of his Collegues went thither. They are suddenly expected back, as are likewise the Imperialists and others, who upon the earnest Solicitations of their High Mightinesses, have lately taken a turn to that Place.

Hague, July 1. N. S. On Wednesday Night their High Mightinesses received an Express from the Army, with the News, that the Duke of Ormond had order'd ten Battalions and four Squadrons of British Troops, to march on the 26th inst. to take possession of Dunkirk; but the next Day his Grace countermanded that Order, upon his receiving a Message by a Trumpeter, sent by the Marshal Villars, and hath deferred their March for four Days, to give time to the rest of the Allies to agree to a Cessation of Arms. Yesterday Morning their High Mightinesses had a Conference with the Members of the Council of State, and in the Afternoon they dispatched an Express for the Army, from whence the Count Sinzendorf received likewise a Courier the same Day. Count Sinzendorf and Monsieur Consbruck had also the same Day a Conference with the Deputies of their High Mightinesses, as also with Monsieur Hymen, the Prussian Envoy. Upon the Circular Letters that have been sent to all the Towns, in order to assemble the States of Holland and West-Friesland, on the present Conjunction, the States of Holland began this Day their Assembly, and are to continue the same, till they have adjusted some Points of Importance.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament, which passed the Royal Assent on Saturday the 21st Instant, Entituled, An Act for laying additional Duties on Hides and Skins, Vellum and Parchment, and new Duties on Starch, Coffee, Tea, Drugs, &c. All Companies and Merchants, Importers of Coffee and Tea, having on the 20th Instant, in his or their Custody or Possession, or in the Custody or Possession of any other Person or Persons in Trust for them, any Stock or Quantity of Coffee or Tea, being for Sale, are to pay the Duties following, viz. for Coffee, the Pound, Avordupois, 1 s. Tea, Imported directly from the East Indies, the Pound 2 s. Tea, Imported from other Places, the Pound 5 s. And further, That all such Companies and Merchants, Importers of Coffee and Tea, shall make a just Entry thereof, at the Custom-house, nearest the Place where the said Stocks of such Goods do remain: And in case of neglect, all such Stocks of Coffee and Tea, or the Value thereof, will be forfeited: The said Commissioners have thought fit to give Publick Notice hereof, that all Persons concerned may govern themselves accordingly.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be holden at the East India House in Leadenhall-street, London, on Wednesday the 25th of this Instant June, at Ten Forenoon, the same being a Quarterly Court; That a General Court of the General Society will be holden at the same Place at Eleven on the same Day; That the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be shut up, from Monday the 23d Instant to Tuesday the 1st of July next; and, That the Warrants for the Quarterly Annuity due at Midsummer next, will be ready to be delivered to the Adventurers the 31st of July next.

Notice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captors, that the Officers and Company of Her Majesty's Ship Pembroke; may, on Thursday the 26th Instant, at Mr. Masters's House on Tower-hill, London, receive (according to Her Majesty's most gracious Proclamation of the 20th May, 1700.) their several Shares of the remainder of the Prize Vorstigtigheicht; and that the Shares of such as shall not then be received, may, during the space of three Years, be every Tuesday and Saturday Morning received at the aforesaid Place.